

HOUSE RESOLUTION 59  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Bernard Ray "Sarge" Sargent on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Ray "Sarge" Sargent is one such estimable person who has worked these many years with great distinction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sargent is retiring from his position as Assistant Public Defender for the 9th Judicial District, including Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, and Meigs counties; and

WHEREAS, during his fourteen years in this position, Mr. Sargent has duly impressed members of both the bench and the bar for his dedication to justice for the people of the 9th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Assistant Public Defender, he has earned the respect of the people of the 9th Judicial District for the exemplary quality of his work and his unswerving dedication to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, "Sarge" Sargent earned his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and Biology from Ashland College in 1958; in 1964, he graduated from Tulane University with a degree in Public Health Administration; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Tulane University, Mr. Sargent accepted a position as Assistant Administrator of State Hospital North in Orofino, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, after four years in that position, Mr. Sargent began four years of service as a Research Associate for Mead Johnson & Company in Evansville, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Bernard Ray Sargent moved to Nashville, where he worked assiduously as Director of Planning for the Metro Public Health Department; and

WHEREAS, he earned a degree in Law from the Nashville School of Law in May of 1979; and

WHEREAS, he has ably served as Legal Counsel for the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Martin West Petroleum Company; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Sargent operated his own private practice in Morgan County for several months, before his service as Assistant Public Defender began; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Ray "Sarge" Sargent served his country as a Seaman in the United States Coast Guard; for his meritorious service, he was awarded the Service Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sargent is well-known as a vital force in his community and his profession; and

WHEREAS, he has been blessed with the love of his daughter, Vivian Sargent, who now lives in California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sargent exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Bernard Ray Sargent has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we thank Bernard Ray "Sarge" Sargent for his astute service to the people of Tennessee as Assistant Public Defender for the 9th Judicial District, and extend to him our most heartfelt wishes for a restful retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.